

need. And then above all we have the promise of the kingdom of God, which will repay us for all our labors and persecutions in trying to do the will of our Father which is in heaven. Among the innumerable oppositions of Christ, we are compelled to class some of the ministers of the Gospel, among the list of opposers, because they come before the public with their flowery, chaffy and doctrinal sermons. The Lord Jesus said when he gave the great commission "go preach and teach people to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." When he comes short of this by substituting something more pleasing to his hearers, it becomes as the foam of the angry sea.

We also believe the believers in the magic powwow and spiritulism doctrine, are in opposition to the teaching of Christ. Then how we should love that meek and lowly one of Bethlehem who come into the world, and suffered death on the cross that you and I might not perish but have everlasting life.

MOSES AND CHRIST.

Perhaps there is no subject in the Bible, fraught with more interest to the Christian and Bible student, than the histories of Christ and Moses the great Christian and Jewish lawgivers. The great work in which they were engaged as the worlds' reformers, bears a relation, one to the other as type and anti-type.

A few of the leading points in their work of this character I wish to arrange, in this communication, so as to get them more clearly before the minds of our readers.

Egypt, that land of darkness, in which the Israelites were held in bondage as slaves, under the tyranny of King Pharaoh, represent this world with its inhabitants in the bondage of Satan, who is in some respect the anti-type of Pharaoh.

Moses was a type of Christ. God called and commissioned him to deliver Israel, and lead them to Canaan—the promised land. But Christ came to lead sinners to the heavenly Canaan—the kingdom of God.

Moses succeeded, after much persuasion, to get all the Israelites to for-

sake their bondage in Egypt, and start for the land of promised rest; but Christ, only succeeded in persuading a few to forsake sin and Satan's service, and start for the heavenly Canaan.

The Israelites were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; but, we are to be baptized into Jesus Christ, if we are to be led by him into the kingdom of God.

After Israel's baptism into Moses, he gave them the law from Mount Sinai, after Christian believers are baptized, we give them the law of Christ and teach them to observe all things whatsoever he has commanded.

The sojourn of Israel in the wilderness for forty years, until they crossed over the Jordan, and entered Canaan, is typical of our sojourn in the church, from our baptism till we cross the Jordan of death, and enter our rest. During their journey in the wilderness, they were bitten by deadly fiery serpents, and could only be healed by looking upon the brazen serpent erected upon a pole by Moses.

That serpent of brass was a type of Christ on the cross, to whom we must look by an eye of faith, if we are to be healed from the bites of sin, committed after our baptism. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

None but those who were circumcised in Israel, were permitted to partake of the passover, under any circumstances; neither have any a Gospel right now to go to the Lord's table and commemorate the death of Christ our Passover who was sacrificed for us, before he is baptized.

When Moses succeeded in persuading the Israelites to confide in him as their leader, and start to leave their bondage in Egypt; which represents the sinner's faith and repentance when he turns to God, Pharaoh and his host were after them, to recapture them. But as there were no unnecessary delay in their being baptized into Moses, Pharaoh was defeated and overthrown in the waters of their baptism.

It is now often the case, that when the sinner turns to God, Satan and his assistants do all they can to discourage and turn them back, before they are baptized into Christ. Satan seems to

feel that his chances after that are not so good; he dreads to follow them through the waters of their baptism. He has through that element, met so many defeats that he has had the hydrophobia, from the days of Moses to the present time.

In the time of Christ, he chose rather to go into a hog than to go into the deep; but his companionship, even to the hogs, was so disagreeable, that they all committed suicide by drowning; and the father of lies got another ducking, like the one he got in the Red Sea. His "dread of water" has become so great, that he will never like it until he is cast into the lake of fire prepared for him and his messengers.

One of his followers who lifted up his eyes in hell, and called for water; but he did not want "much water" just one drop to cool his parched tongue. The old belief "That one drop was as good as the ocean," still prevailed.

Is it this dread of water, that causes Satan, even now, to try to persuade every one who will leave his service, to substitute the pouring or sprinkling of a little water, for Gospel baptism? Or is it because Christ taught that, "Except one be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom heaven?" "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." "I will sanctify and cleanse my church, with the washing of water by the word." "Having your hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and your bodies washed with pure water."

"The like figure where unto baptism doeth now also save us; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the requirement of a good conscience." It may be because God intended to use this cleansing and purifying element—water—as a means for man's salvation, that it escaped the curse when he cursed the ground for man's sake. Is that the reason Satan dreads it so?

Jesus came as man's redeemer, not by blood only, but by both blood and water. When he was crucified, both blood and water flowed from his pierced side. There are three that bear witness on earth, the Spirit, the water and the blood. With all these references to water as it stands related to the plan of salvation, facing our adversary the devil, no wonder he has the hydrophobia, which means dread of water.

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